GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3140
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EXTENSION OF NHS
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to extend National Highways (NHs) to connect all district headquarters in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal from State Governments including Kerala for reducing the width of NHs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of projects approved and taken up in Kerala for the expansion of NHs in Kerala?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) and (b) Yes Madam. Government has connected all the district headquarters of the country, which are more than about 10 km away from existing NH network with NH network except a few districts of the States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat. Ministry has requested the concerned State Governments to send detailed proposal for providing connectivity to the district headquarters with NH network.

(c) and (d) Yes Madam. Ministry has received requests from State Governments for reducing the Right of Way (ROW) for development of NHs. However, State Government of Kerala has since agreed to keep ROW as 45 meters.

(e) Development of National Highways (NHs) is a continuous process and works are taken up in stretches. During the current year, three works amounting to Rs. 21.02 crores have been approved for the development of NH in the State of Kerala.